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Prof. Emmons exhibited a drawing of a fossil head, supposed to belong to *Clepsysaurus*, found in Chatham Co., North Carolina: it was covered with plates, some of which were exhibited, and had a very elongated slender snout, expanded at the tip, with the nostrils situated at the base.

May 24th.

Mr. LEA, President, in the Chair.

Seventy-seven members present.

A paper was presented for publication in the Proceedings, entitled Ichthyological Notices by Charles Girard, M. D.

And one for publication in the Journal, entitled *New Unionidæ* of the United States, by Isaac Lea.

Which were referred to Committees.

The death, at Berlin, of Baron Alexander von Humboldt, late a Correspondent of the Academy, was announced.

May 31st.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

Fifty-one members present.

The Report of Proceedings of the Biological Department for the present month was read.

On report of committees of the Biological Department, the papers entitled, *The Pathological Relations of Cancer*, by J. H. Packard, M.D., and *On two new varieties of Wourari, Carroval and Vao*, by William A. Hammond, M. D., and S. Weir Mitchell, M. D., were recommended for publication in a medical journal.

On report of the respective Committees, the paper entitled, *New Unionidæ*, of the United States, by Isaac Lea, was ordered to be published in the Journal.

And the following in the Proceedings:

Descriptions of Twenty-one New Species of Exotic UNIONIDÆ.

BY ISAAC LEA.

UNIO SIKKIMENSIS.—Testâ lævi, obovatâ, inæquilaterali, subinflatâ, posticè obtusè biangulatâ; valvulis crassiusculis; natibus prominulis; epidermide luteo-fuscâ, eradiatâ; dentibus cardinalibus parvulis, brevibus crenulatis, in utroque valvulo duplicibus; lateralibus brevibus subcurvisque; margaritâ albâ et iridescente.

Hab.—Sikkim, India. H. Cuming and Prof. Hanley.

UNIO DIMINUTIS.—Testâ plicatâ, corrugatâ, subsulcatâ, ellipticâ, inæquilaterali, compressâ, posticè obtusè angulatâ; valvulis crassiusculis; natibus subprominentibus, ad apices undulatis acuminatisque; epidermide luteâ eradiatâque; dentibus cardinalibus parviusculis, compressis, erectis, crenulatis, in utroque valvulo duplicibus; lateralibus subbrevibus rectisque; margaritâ pallido-salmonia et iridescente.

Hab.—East Africa. H. Cuming and Prof. Hanley.

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